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EDITORIALS

RED CROSS SERVICES

During World War II the American Red Cross, in its various services:

Collected 13,000,000 pints of blood from volunteers in the United States, which was turned over to the armed services for processing into blood plasma.

Sent out supplies between January 1941 and June 30, 1945 for American and other United Nations prisoners of war in Europe and the Far East valued at more than $168,000,000; included were medical supplies, cigarettes, comfort articles, and 27,874,000 food parcels, of which 27,000,000 were packed by 4,000 volunteers in four Red Cross packaging centers.

Provided 1,107 rest homes,clubs, snack bars, and canteens (including clubmobiles) overseas.

Made more than 2,000,000 loans to servicemen and servicewomen, totalling $70,000,000.

Produced more than 2,362,914,000 surgical dressings.

Handled more than forty-two million letters, telegrams, cables, and messages in extending service to soldiers, sailors and marines.

Extended assistance to members of the armed forces more than twelve million times through field directors in camps and hospitals.

Home Service within the continental limits added eight million to that figure.

Served an average of 2,000,000 meals a month overseas.

Produced well over fifty million garments through its volunteers.

Furnished well over thirty-five million articles, ranging from table favors to lap robes which were made by the Junior Red Cross.

And all this is a very incomplete list. The Red Cross is a very worthy organization.

PRESIDENTIAL YEAR

Between now and the time the national party conventions meet in June, the great American presidential derby will command the headlines. Each week will see new names brought forward, or rallying calls issued for this or that candidate. The list of prospects is already long, and it will grow.

It is wonderful that the political campaign can be held "as usual." Presidential election year is a major feature of American life. We trust that it will ever be so.

It would appear at this distance that the Republican nomination is wide open. Your guess is as good as that of anyone else. We hope for a sound "middle-of-the road." We dread extremes!

President Truman can get the Democratic nomination.And apparently he wants it. There may be a conservative Democrat on the ticket for vice-president.

Henry Wallace may or may not go through with his candidacy. He has announced that he will head a third party ticket, but he may yet support the Democrati'c ticket.

There is also a chance that Virginia's Senator Byrd may bolt the party and seek to carry several Southern states, including the Old Dominion. It is possible that he will seek to keep the Democratic label, but still permit use of his name in an effort to defeat Mr. Truman. That might give aid to the Republicans. Best bet is that he'll wait until the nominating conventions are at hand before deciding. There are some who think he could carry Virginia's 11 electoral votes, and win some more in Mississippi and South Carolina.

So, we have interesting months ahead! What better advice, than to keep an open mind!

Labor union wins court decision in case arising from the Taft-Hartley law.

WITH OTHER EDITORS

"MAKING LAND"

From The New York Times

During recent years, when farmers have repeatedly broken production records in spite of decreased manpower and older machinery, they have also found time to increase productive acreage by clearing, draining and irrigating land. In a recent issue of "The Agricultural Situation," published by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics of the United States Department of Agriculture, H. H. Wooten gives an interesting summary of the situation. At the present rate farmers are "making" more than a million acres a year of crop and pasture land.

Until well into the twentieth century clearing land for crops and grazing was a laborious, time-consuming process. The felling of trees, the pulling of stumps, blasting rocks and hauling them away, the first plowing and harrowing were major operations. Now powerful tractors, caterpillar - tread bulldozers and other heavy machinery developed during the war have been turned t peacetime uses. In addition to this equipment, which is usually operated by contractors, two-thirds of the nation's 5,800,000 farms now have tractors, compared with only 14 per cent in 1930. In many instances farmers are using graders, ditchers and other equipment with their own tractor power to add new productive acreage to their farms.

Irrigation is also playing a major role in guaranteeing food supplies for a nation now approximately 80 per cent urban. More than 1,000,000 additional acres were irrigated in 1944 than in 1940, bringing the total to 2,700,000 acres. According to Mr. Wooten, nearly 40,000,000 new acres of crop land and pasture have been added in the past twenty-five years. Much of this increased acreage has been developed on older farms rather than in frontier regions. New machinery has resulted in the rearrangement of fields and fences for efficient plowing and cultivation. The average size of farms has increased almost fifty acres in the past quarter century, from 148 to 195. All this emphasizes the fact that farmers are prepared to feed an urban nation. Bringing new land into production is still a part of the American story.

HISTORIC REMINDER

(From Eastern Shore News)

It may surprise some Americans to note the close parellel between conditions in Europe at the close of World War I and the present disturbed period, as revealed in a collection of diplomatic papers published by the State Department and relating to the Paris Peace Conference of 1919.

Then, as now, there was economic dislocation, great social unrest, armed clashes and apprehension for the future. American missions, going abroad, stressed the necessity of aid from this country and the need of dollars to get the economic machine going in the world.

Interestingly enough, two of the problems discussed were: (1) how to curb Communism and (2) how to prevent revenge on the part of defeated Germany. The solutions suggested then, as now, were economic assistance and restoration of normal world trade.

194,000 coal miners go on strike in eleven states.

March is Red Cross month.

Gen. Myers gets minimum of 20 months.

Jewish-Arab truce is asked in Holy Land.

Britain bans Reds holding security jobs.

Va. federal tax total may reach 900,000.

Nine members of House of Delegates refuse "bonus" pay.

Ellis Arnall spoke in Richmond Monday night.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

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By LOUIE D. NEWTON, D. D.

SCRIPTURE: Mark 4:26-29; Luke 4:16-22a; 12:22-31; Romans 14:17.
DEVOTIONAL READING: Isaiah 60:1-3, 10-14.

The Kingdom of God

Lesson for March 21, 1948

JESUS went back to his boyhood home in Nazareth, and on the Sabbath he went into the synagogue, "as was his custom." They gave him the Book of Isaiah, from which he read a passage in the 61st chapter, adding, "This day is this Scripture fulfilled in your ears," Luke 4:21.

Dr. Newton

Jesus had come to let people know about God—to reveal the Father's perfect love for all men. He loved the Bible, and was constantly reading it, which in his day was the Old Testament only. And he loved the Sabbath day, which we now call the Lord's day. Beginning with his resurrection, the first day of the week has been observed as the Lord's day. And Jesus loved the appointed places of worship, and was always found in some synagogue on the Sabbath. Don't you wish you might have been in Nazareth that day when he stood up to read the Scripture?

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WHAT HE CAME TO DO

JESUS, I repeat, came to reveal God to men, which is but another way of saying that he came to teach men about the Kingdom of God. Here we shall need to read Mark 4:26-29, and Romans 14:17.

"The Kingdom of God is as if a man should cast seed into the ground," said Jesus; and Paul, in Romans 14:17, says, "The Kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit."

Jesus, then, came to establish a kingdom within the hearts of men. It means the rule of God in human hearts. What he wills, we gladly do. It manifests itself in the daily life of the individual, in the home, in the school, in the church—everywhere.

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"THY KINGDOM COME"

SO VITAL is this truth for the Christian that Jesus, in the pattern prayer, teaches us to say, "Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as in heaven."

If we live in the atmosphere of this prayer, we shall embody daily the fruits of the coming Kingdom of God. If we really "seek first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness," we lift the level of life wherever we stand and serve. This is precisely what Jesus did. "He went about doing good."

We help to answer the prayer, "Thy Kingdom come," when we do with all our might what our hands find to do—in the home, in the community, in the church.

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KINGDOM OF GOD AMONG MEN

IT IS not enough to consider this truth in terms of some far-off dramatic event. It is a present force and factor in today's world.

One day the Pharisees asked Jesus when the Kingdom of God should come. He told them that it would not come with observation—that it is within the hearts of men.

What did he mean? I believe that he meant just this, that the Kingdom of God will and must manifest itself in the common affairs of everyday life. We may hinder its manifestation. We may retord its coming. On the other hand, we may make it manifest and hasten its spread to earth's remotest bounds.

How? By yielding ourselves to the rule and reign of God in every relationship of life. In race relations, in social service, in relief to the afflicted, in united effort for peace, in better housing, in better recreational facilities, in educational opportunities for all. The Kingdom of God is not an impractical theory, but a working principle, even as the leaven works in the loaf.

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WHEN WILL IT COME?

THE Kingdom of God will come when redeemed hearts everywhere enthrone God in their whole attitude and purpose. Then, and not until then.

Will it come? This is a stubborn question. From our viewpoint, it may seem doubtful; but Jesus declares that it will come, "I have overcome the world," he declares.

The one question for you and for me, What part shall I have in the coming of the Kingdom of God on the earth? We each decide by our willingness or unwillingness to follow him.

Observe good faith and justice toward all nations; cultivate peace and harmony with all. — George Washington's Farewell Address.

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Farm Topics

Legumes Open Soil To Air and Water

System of Rotation Prevents Compaction

Tight "stuffy" soils are robbing many farmers of high bushel-per-acre yields of corn and small grains each year. Loams, silt loams and clay loams need large amounts of organic matter in the plow layer and deeper to keep them open and loose for high crop production.

Heavy soils that are low in organic matter and worked with heavy tractors and machinery become packed, especially just below the plow sole. These compactions slow down the intake of water. They cut down the amount of water and air the soil will hold for crop use. They keep the fibrous roots of corn and small grain "upstairs" away from water and plant food held deeper in the soil.

Tap roots of alfalfa and sweet clover, as shown in sketch, break through packed soil to assure water and plant food for growing crops.

Temporary relief can be had by using machines that reach below the ordinary plow layer and break up the plow sole compactions. Real relief, however, comes only through regular use of deep-rooted legumes in the rotation.

The driving tap roots of sweet clover and alfalfa force their way through the compactions and reach deep into the soil, thus opening it to air and water. The mineralized organic matter they leave there improves soil tilth and furnishes plant food for other crops.

Channels of the tap roots are routes for water and air and fibrous roots to follow deep into the soil. Compaction-busting alfalfa and sweet clover need phosphate and potash if they are to do a good job.

Smash Sale Records

All records for Ayrshire auction sales in the U. S. were broken when an average of $2,267.20 was paid for 23 Scottish bred Ayrshires imported and sold by Frank V. Lile of Bellefontaine, Ohio. The sale grossed $52,150.

A new record price for Ayrshire bull calves was set at $4,600 by Howard Baum and Sons of Paint Valley farm, Bainbridge, Ohio, in the purchase of eight-months-old Killoch Gay Spark (above).

Increased Yields Noted With Use of Fertilizer

Wheat yields can be stepped up 7 to 14 bushels per acre and the hay crop can be increased through use of more fertilizer in hay and pasture crops seeded in small grains, declares Dr. D. R. Dodd of the Ohio experiment station.

This practice is particularly profitable on land already highly productive, Dodd points out. As an example, he cites tests made by research men on plots at the Ohio station. The land's producing capacity already had been built up by good soil management so that it was producing an average of 45 bushels of corn, 23 bushels of wheat and 3 tons of hay per acre.

In the tests, a 2-12-6 fertilizer was applied at increasing rates to wheat.

Minnesota Starts Big Tree Planting Project

As the first step in a far-reaching tree planting program authorized by the state legislature last year, Minnesota is planting about two million trees this year.

A million deciduous and coniferous trees are being sold at cost plus handling expense for planting on private lands. Another million coniferous trees are available for free distribution for planting on public lands.

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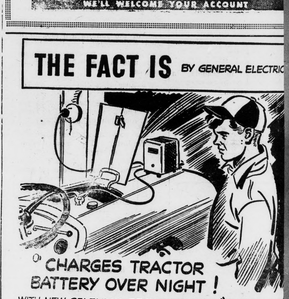
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Pamplin

Pamplin, March 15.- Miss Mary Rives Black, of Richmond recently spent week-end with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Black.

Dr. and Mrs. C. H. McCall and daughter, Nancy Jane Hall were recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Ponton, of Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Acree Southall, of Farmville were guests in the home of the former's mother, Mrs. L. M. Southall last Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. McClung were guests in the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Moore last week.

Mrs. Ruby Mann is visiting relatives in Richmond.

Mrs. N. L. McClenny and daughter, Miss Aileen McClenny, were recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. L. McClenny, of Farmville.

Pamplin Chapter No. 58, O. E. S., held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, March 9. Officers were elected and installation services planned. Everyone enjoyed a social hour at the close of the meeting.

Mrs. T. R. Inge was hostess to the W. M. S. of Elon Church Wednesday, March 10.

Lynwood M. Pelot, Jr. was called to Washington, D. C., last week on account of the death of his grandmother.

Mrs. R. E. McClenny and family were Sunday visitors in the home of Mrs. Fred Wilkerson and Mrs. H. L. Floyd, of Prospect.

Miss Shirley Southall, of Phillips Secretarial School, Lynchburg spent last week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Southall.

Week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Dickerson were their daughter, Mrs. R. L. Smith, of Lynchburg and Mr. and Mrs. R. L., Smith, Jr.

Mrs. A. B. Chandler, of Palm Beach, Calif., and son, Terry, are visiting in the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Terry.

Report favors ban on strikes at Oak Ridge.

Truman for universal military service.

U. S. returns 29 vessels to the Italians.

Rocks

Rocks, March 15.- Farmers are busy burning plant beds.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Evans, of Charlotte Court House were visiting her mother, Mrs. W. F. Ranson awhile last Sunday night.

Hudson Baldwin, of Portsmouth spent a few days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Baldwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Royal Seay and daughter went to Richmond last Sunday. Mrs. Wesley Seay returned with them.

Mrs. Jerry Smith and son, of Appomatox spent Wednesday with Mrs. Harry Ranson.

J. W. Dickerson was in the neighborhood Thursday.

Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Collins and son, Carlton, of Richmond were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge Tuesday.

Mrs. S. E. McGee spent last week in Norfolk.

James Taylor went to Lynchburg Wednesday.

Mrs. D. R. Inge spent Thursday at Appomattox with Mrs. Holmsey Inge, Sr.

Claiborne Inge was able to go to work Friday morning, after getting a hit on the chin by a jack handle while at work Thursday.

Friends are sorry hear that Mrs. Whit Woodall(nee Dorothy Marsh) is in the hospital again for an operation. We wish her a speedy recovery.

EVERGREEN SCA

The Evergreen S. C. A. met the first Friday in March. Tadd Jennings called the meeting to order. Reports were made by the committees. Several poems were recited.

—Reporter, Anita Paulette.

Coal output falls fast ah miners go on strike.

Stocks take sharp dip.

More funds for military uses proposed.

Tuck defends record of Virginia General Assembly.

Stonewall

Stonewall, March 15.- We are very sorry to say that Mr. E. H. Carson and Mr. J. P. Alvis, Sr., are not any better at this writing.

Rev. D. M. Spence preached at Bethel Church Sunday A. M., and he, with Mrs. Spence and daughter, Louise, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Thomas.

Mrs. W. R. Jobe and two children, and Mrs. H. W. Brown and two children, of Gladstone, were dinner guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Turnes last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Grant and two grandchildren, of Lynchburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and son, Lawrence, of Appomattox were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Beard.

Mrs. Lee Wheeler had all her children with her last Sunday, March 7, to celebrate her birthday: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wheeler, and son, of Roanoke; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wheeler and daughter, Nancy, Mr. and Mrs. John Wheeler, of Lynchburg; Mr. and Mrs. Max Wheeler, and Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler and children, Ben, Bob, Billy, Betsy, and Bertha, of Spout Spring. We wish for this fine Christian lady many more happy birthdays.

Mr. and Mrs. Howlette Drinkard and family spent last Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson and Lee Carter spent last Sunday in Roanoke with his brother, Virgil Carson, who has just returned home from the hospital.

Bud Harding spent the week-end in Norfolk with his brother, Roy-all.

G. W. Harding and Walker Harding, of Lynchburg visited their brother, Royal and sister, Verna, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Paulette, of Drakes Branch spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Caldwell.

Wallace Bondurant and E. L. Chick called to see Mr. and Mrs. Ashby Martin last Tuesday.

Truman addresses Congress on international situation.

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Production of Citrus Shows Steady Increase

Production of citrus fruits in the United States has about doubled each 10 years for the last 40, a department of agriculture report indicates, with prospects that the record will continue to climb.

California and Florida produce more than 90 per cent of the oranges. Florida and Texas account for 90 per cent of the grapefruit. Almost the entire commercial crop of lemons is grown in California.

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From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

How to Keep 'Em Down On the Farm

The other day Pete Swanson's nephew, Bud, allowed as how he was fed up with farm and country life ... and was going to the city where there was a lot more opportunity and excitement.

Some folks might have tried to stop him. But not Pete. He even advanced Bud carfare for the trip ... figured that when he'd had a good look around, he'd come back where he belonged.

And what happened? After seven days of big-town hustle and excitement, Bud was back behind the wheel of a tractor, with color in his cheeks again. And he'd traded the night life of the city for a quiet glass of beer with Dad.

From where I sit, that's how it goes. Try to prevent some one from getting what he thinks he wants—and he'll go on wanting it. But give him his head, and he'll settle for the sensible thing—whether it's country life, or a temperate glass of beer!

Joe Marsh

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